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D.A.R.E. essay winners deliver effective messages about drugs



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D.A.R.E. essay winner Edward Nadeau, left, a fifth-grader at the Roberta G. Doering School, talks with a fellow classmate following a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony held at

By Mike Lydick
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AGAWAM – “I wish everyone could take D.A.R.E. If they did, maybe they wouldn’t have used drugs.” That’s how Margaret Szpakowski summed up the benefits of the D.A.R.E. program at the Roberta G. Doering Middle School in an essay she wrote about the program.

D.A.R.E., which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, consists of a series of classroom lessons that include the most current evidence and research-based strategies for drug abuse prevention. The goal of the program is to teach students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and responsible lives, said D.A.R.E. Officer John Field, a member of the Agawam Police Department.

“We’ve had the D.A.R.E. program in Agawam since 1986,” he added. “Agawam was one of the first communities in Massachusetts to have a D.A.R.E. program

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Council shuts down mayor's in-house transfer power

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The City Council has taken some of the discretionary spending power away from Mayor Richard Cohen after passing an amendment to the fiscal year 2015 budget resolution Monday night.

City Councilor Robert Rossi proposed an amendment that prohibits Cohen from transferring funds from line items in the same category without the approval from the council. Rossi says spending is out of control and Cohen’s administrative transfers need to be moni-

Arborist wants Robinson designated as national park

Ecosystem one of the rarest in the country, he says

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – A long-time arborist is looking for the town, state and federal government to declare Robinson State Park to be the nation’s first-ever natural history classroom and to further designate it as a national park.

Last Saturday, the Friends of Robinson State Park celebrated Robinson State Park Day, holding activities and a celebration of the beauty and diversity the park has to offer.

Arborist Matt Largess of Rhode Island also used the platform to raise awareness to the attention the federal government should be paying to the park.

“This park has more than 50 different species of trees,” said Largess. “It has one of the rarest

ecosystems in this entire country. I call this the ‘Yellowstone Park of the East.’”

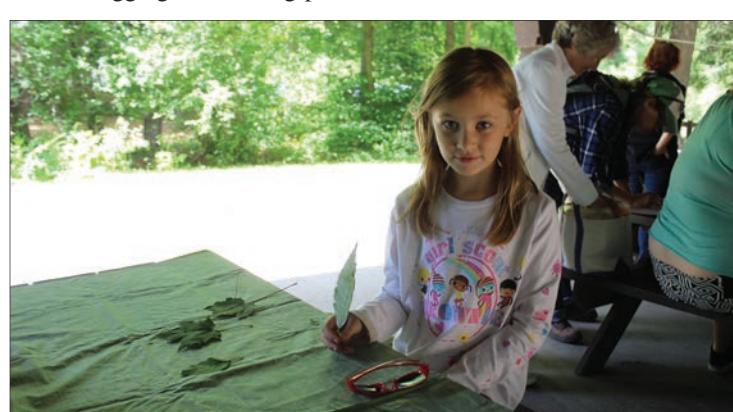
Largess also says the canopy of the forest is unique with the very tall trees helping to sustain the ecosystem.

He is among many that are fighting to prevent any kind of commercial logging from taking place

at the park, and says the canopy rivals that of tropical rainforests in South America.

“This is the greatest park in New England, and we need to fight to save it from any type of disturbance,” he said. City Councilor Robert Rossi

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Jolene Bertone-Gross, 7, studies some leaves she collected at Robinson State Park. The Friends of Robinson State Park held its annual park fete last Saturday, June 21.

Council amends, passes \$81.3M budget

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council has approved the fiscal year 2015 budget, an \$81.3 million spending package, but made some changes on the meeting floor before approving it.

Among the changes, City Councilor Gina Letellier returned some funds to the discretion of the taxpayers by lowering the amount that will have to be raised by the tax levy. Letellier proposed a series of amendments Monday night at the regular council meeting that would lower some of the line items and a revolving account. The surplus amounts will be returned to the general fund and help fund other areas of the budget and limit the amount that will be raised by property taxes. The property tax rate will be set by the city council later this year.

Letellier’s biggest argument came with the \$450,000 that is set to go in the reserve fund. The reserve fund is utilized for unforeseen circumstances, but Letellier believes it has been overbudgeted based on a 10-year survey presented to councilors.

Just one time in the past 10 years has the amount expended from the reserve fund exceeded \$100,000. In the past five years, a very minor amount has been used each year, with amounts including \$5,000, \$13,000 and \$67,000 recalled by Letellier. “We never spend even close to what we put in this account,” she said. “We should lower this and give the rest back to the taxpayers.”

Letellier proposed lowering the reserve fund to just \$100,000. Council President Christopher Johnson, a former mayor of Agawam, respectfully objected.

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Local Boy Scout representatives and Agawam Lions Club members at a recent Lions Club meeting included, from left, Rich Robie, Sherry Krebs, Warren Roberts, Leslie Young, Beverly Tetrault, David Cross and Zoe Balmuth.

One Scoutmaster's vision continues thanks to area Lions

Former Troop 79 Scoutmaster Warren Roberts had a vision when he joined the Agawam Lions Club in the mid 1960s – to raise enough money to be able to send local Boy Scouts to the National Scout Ranch in Philmont, N.M. Not only did he succeed in doing just that, the Agawam Lions Club also made it their mission to send Scouts to

local camps to help build leaders not only in troops, but leaders in their schools and community as well.

As a result of one man's vision and hard work, the Lions Club has given out \$32,000 in camperships over the years as well as \$68,000 to the local Boy Scout Council and \$5,000 to the local Girl Scout Council.

At its May 21 meeting, the Agawam Lions Club continued its tradition by giving out camperships to local Scout troops. Among those in attendance at the meeting were Roberts, local Scoutmasters Rich Robie, Sherry Krebs, and David Cross, as well as Girl Scout Unit Coordinator Leslie Young, Agawam Lions Club President Beverly Tetrault, and Zoe Balmuth, Scout Executive for the Western Mass Council.

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The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Tim Kane at aan@turley.com.



Turley Publications photo by Connie J. Casagrande

Parents of young children have likely seen these windows a time or two. Do you know where it is?



Last week's photo: Marvin Howard was the first person to correctly identify the patriotic statue outside of American Legion Post 185 on Springfield Street.

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Public invited to inaugural Lyme Run

The first-ever Massachusetts Lyme Run will take place Sunday, July 20, beginning at Take 5 Restaurant, 994 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Thousands of people contract Lyme disease every year. It is often called the "great imitator." Left untreated, Lyme disease will manifest into a chronic, debilitating condition, which can infiltrate every major organ system and can be fatal.

The Lyme Run will be 40 miles from start to finish and will include motorcycles and cars. Those interested don't need to ride to take part. The public is invited to attend, learn more about Lyme disease and join in for the after party.

Registration is from 9-11 a.m. at Take 5 and is \$20 per person. The run will begin at 11 a.m. with return time to Take 5 between 2-2:30 p.m.

The day's events will include food, a DJ and raffles. All proceeds will benefit the Lyme Disease Resource Center in Northampton.

For more information, contact LHines6282@gmail.com, Erosati@aol.com, or visit the Facebook page.

Family Owned

ZBA hears realtor's frustration over process

By Christopher Faille
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM — The Zoning Board of Appeals met Monday, June 23, and decided that it can as yet take no action on a pending request for a special permit that would allow new commercial tenants in a 270 Main St. property.

Mark DiFranco, an East Longmeadow-based real estate broker, came to the meeting expecting, as he said, a routine approval of his request, and he expressed a good deal of frustration as it became clear that that was not going to be the outcome.

The property is non-conforming in that it has an insufficient setback. As a consequence, any new tenant in the property has to receive approval. Dragon Paradise LLC, a Springfield company, owns the property. The principals of Dragon Paradise were in attendance, but they chiefly let DiFranco do the speaking. Most of the discussion Monday con-

cerned one prospective tenant in particular, Clarke Collectibles, a sole proprietorship run by a Feeding Hills man, Ronald Clarke. The company frames and mails movie posters to collectors.

DiFranco's presentation established that Clarke Collectibles is a conforming use. The business doesn't involve retail customers on-site, so there would be no parking or traffic issues raised by such customers. Clarke's use of the Main Street property would consist of warehousing and of some assembly, not selling. He would be doing there what he is presently doing in the garage of his residence.

The neighbors present were supportive. There was some discussion of whether trucks would arrive at the loading dock to leave materials for Clarke, or to take materials away — and, if so, of the type of trucks: UPS vans? Tractor trailers? Clarke was not present to answer questions about the specifics of his business.

Unfortunately, the ZBA said, it could not grant a special permit for Clarke. The matter will have to go to the Planning Board first. "We always want to hear from the Planning Board," said Dooreen Prouty, chairwoman of the ZBA.

This produced incredulity on DiFranco's part. "We've done all this," he said. As he saw it, the Planning Board could only look into a site plan regarding building and property, a plan that has already been brought before it, has received approval, and that will not be changed for Clarke. Why bring the same plan and facts back to the Planning Board again?

"Yes, but you have new tenants coming in," Prouty replied. The landlord along with the new prospective tenants has to go back to the Planning Board.

The Planning Board will hear the matter on July 17. If all goes well there, it will come back to the ZBA on July 28.

Riverside's history on display

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM — Long before people began riding the "Superman," the "Batman," or the new "Sky-screamer," that opened this year, the Cyclone, the Thunderbolt and batting cages were the main attractions over the years at Riverside Park.

David Cecchi, chairman of the Agawam Historical Society, was not an avid attendee of the famed park that originally opened in the late 1800s. He is, however, a very avid fan of the history of the park, which was on display last Sunday afternoon at the Agawam Historical Museum on Elm Street. Visitors to the exhibit were able to view different artifacts and posters that have been collected by Cecchi.

Cecchi said the park was actually a picnic grove for area residents. In the early 1900s, a carousel and a few mechanical rides were added. Henry Perkins purchased the land in 1911 and transformed the picnic grounds into a small amusement park. The park was closed for 10 years following the stock market crash of 1929. The park was purchased by Edward Carroll in 1939 and re-opened in 1940.

Over time, popular rides like the Black Widow, the Cyclone and the Thunderbolt were added. A

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— Agawam Historical Society Chairman David Cecchi

"When I received the photos, I knew I needed to do something with them," said Cecchi. He admits he spent much of his childhood working at his family farm, but his love of history in town can't keep him away from collecting photos and artifacts about the old Riverside Park. The park included many classic rides as well as a car racing track for a time.

Cecchi was on hand at last Sunday's exhibit to interact with visitors and sign copies of his photo book about Riverside's history. He says trading stories is the best part of showing his exhibit.

"History is meant to be shared," said Cecchi. "And everyone has a Riverside

log flume ride was also opened and was very popular. The land was taken over by Six Flags in 1998 and renamed Six Flags New England in 2000.

Cecchi created an "Images of America" book highlighting pictures from all over Agawam and Feeding Hills. He found the images of Riverside prompted the need for its own book.

"It's such a huge part of Agawam and its history," said Cecchi. "This is a park that has grown right along with the town."

Cecchi said he acquired many of his posters, photographs and other artifacts through tag sales, auctions and his grandfather, who had many pictures of the park.

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story from their childhood."

Ann Miller, a member of the Agawam Historical Society, said many in Agawam have a lot of appreciation for the park, especially with the number of jobs it provides for area youths.

"This park not only has a great history, it has put all three of my kids through college," said Miller.

She, like Cecchi, had her own Riverside story to share, recalling how her father introduced her to the park as an ice-cream maker running one of the booths at the park many years ago.

Cecchi's exhibit will be on display at the Agawam Historical Museum at 35 Elm St. on Sunday, Sept. 7, and Sunday, Oct. 19. The exhibit will be open from 1-4 p.m. both days.

Mr. Gutter

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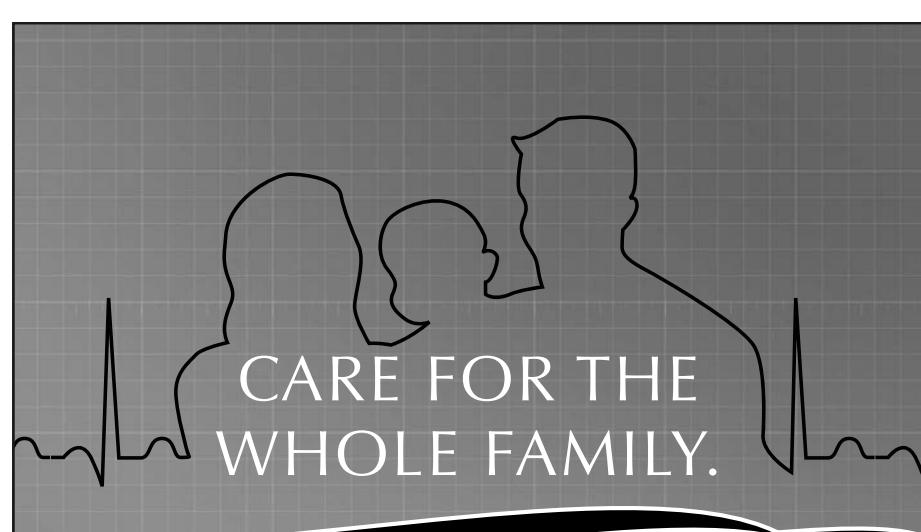
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The Agawam Beautification Committee has announced that, due to the success of last year's "Sponsor a Barrel Program," it will be offered again for the 2014 season. To participate in this initiative, a business or individual may sponsor a barrel for a tax-free donation of \$100, which pays for the planting, placement, watering and maintenance of the barrel for the season. The barrels are planted with pink wave petunias.

In appreciation for participating in this program, the committee will have a sign made up with the sponsor's name and display it in one of the barrels throughout the town.

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Opinion

Finding a solution to Syria

My nine-year-old son received a unique package from "The White House" on Saturday. The First Class envelope was hand delivered to our door by the postal carrier.

Inside was a letter on special lavender stationery paper with the presidential seal stamped on it in raised type. Complimenting the letter was an autographed color photo of President Obama, and a special blueprint diagram revealing the White House rooms.

Between his many Lego creations, my son regularly suggests peaceful solutions to the world's problems or just draws war attack plans with crayons. On paper, he is Secretary John Kerry meets five-star General MacArthur. Four weeks before ISIS radical Sunni militants invaded Iraq, my son hand wrote a letter in cursive to President Obama about Syria, a place where ISIS rose to power in the extremist-crowded civil war ongoing there for three years now. He suggested military intervention as one option and that the US should at least remove Syria's president from office for allegedly gassing his own people to death last year – just like Iraq's Saddam Hussein (a Sunni) did a decade before his execution. Instead, a softer chemical weapons ban and disarmament agreement was brokered there between the US and Russia last summer. The last of those terrible nerve agent weapons just left Syria this week. But the war-torn country is nowhere closer to peace.

It was not my son's first foray into international politics. Though I voted for the other guy in 2008, he has written, emailed and even called The White House several times now. A previous message of his urged the president to insert special agents deep within tribal clans inside Syria to gather information on who would be the most stable unit to lead that country.

The dichotomy of tribal interests in this region runs deep. Russia and Iran back the Syrian government - who just months ago was on the US blacklist. Like in neighboring Iraq, the challenge is more than 70 percent of the population in Syria are Sunni Shafi'i Muslims – whose extremist-led brethren now control most of northern Iraq, captured much of the border towns with neighboring Jordan – a critical US Middle East ally – on Monday, and continue to fight a holy war in Syria.

Adding to the confusion is Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is considered an Alawite, which is a branch of Shia Islam. His family has led Syria since taking power in 1970. So we now know why direct US military intervention in Syria was just not possible last year. It could have opened the door even wider to Sunni terrorists bent on creating a massive Islamic state.

As an example of this ongoing unrest, the Syrian government was attacked at the border by Israel this past weekend, mainly because the Israelis hate Shiite-led Iran. So it's rather clear that the traditional decades-old Arab-Israeli conflict seems to be quickly eroding into a broader Sunni versus Shia battle without any borders.

Even the US has funded extremist Sunnis in the past when they were fighting the former Soviet Union empire. And don't forget it was Shiite extremist suicide bombers who blew up 220 US Marines and 79 other servicemen at a base in Beirut under President Reagan's Administration in 1983. So whom should we really trust? We then put Shiites in power in Iraq after Gulf War II because Saddam Hussein's army was mainly Sunni.

Trying to make some sense of this lopsided geopolitical landscape, I downloaded a transcript of the entire speech given by United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon who thankfully brought the beleaguered nation of Syria back into the limelight in a speech delivered before the Asia Society in New York City on Friday, June 20.

He calls the Syrian crisis a catastrophe. The civil war's death toll is estimated among combatants and civilians at 150,000. At least 200 people are dying every day. Half the country's population of 22 million has been displaced. Nearly 3 million people have been accommo-



Tim Kane

Letters to the Editor

Lions appreciate local support

To the editor:

The Agawam Lions Club would like to thank all the crafters, vendors and the following supporters of the third annual Spring Festival held June 7 – Friendly's Corp. Wilbraham, Terri Ann Ouellette, Fun-a-Dict's of Conachusetts, and UBU Hair De-

sign and Michael Couture.

The club would also like to thank the Agawam Advertiser for the publicity which allowed us to get the word out on our event and particularly John Baskin for all his help.

The Agawam Lions Club

Another successful book sale for Friends of the Agawam Library

To the editor:

On behalf of the Friends of the Agawam Public Library, I would like to thank all of the people who helped to make our 12th book sale such a wonderful success. From our two-day sale on Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17, we made over \$2,400. More than last year!

I would personally like to thank all of those Friends' volunteers who spent many, many hours working on the book sale: Kathy Arnold, Pat Bertone-Gross, Jean Clark, Mary Ghidoni, Luisa Guidi, Pam Jacobsen, Bob Kadis, Rich Morassi, Pam Pudlo, Louie Russo, and Nancy Spagnoli. The book sale would not have happened without all of you guys.

I would also like to thank all of the high school kids who helped us move the books from the library basement to the community rooms: the varsity and junior varsity softball teams, the varsity girls' track team, the varsity baseball team and the junior varsity baseball team. They all managed to move close to 300 cartons in less than 15 minutes. I also really want to thank David Stratton, director of athletics, and Dan Pryce for organizing these teams to help us out. You made our lives so much easier.

I also especially want to thank Rylie Molloy and Teresa Graziano for helping out on the days of the sale. They helped straighten books, bag books, helped customers, restocked the tables, etc., on the days of the sale. We had quite a few customers who told us how impressed they were with the help that they got from the two students and how pleased they were.

Special thanks also goes to Connie Tang and her

mother, Sara, who stopped by the library on Thursday to check things out and stayed to help set up the tables and books for the book sale.

Another vote of thanks goes to the Agawam Public Library staff who, as usual, helped throughout the year by storing the books, fielding numerous questions about the book sale and the Friends and helped in promoting both.

Lastly, per usual, my very special thanks go to the Agawam community itself. Our call for donations received an overwhelming response from the community. We received over 8,000 books. We truly appreciate the efforts of all those who donated books, CDs, DVDs, tapes, puzzles, etc. Without your donations, our sale would not have been possible.

So that the books would not go to waste, we were able to have the leftover books picked up by an organization that resells/recycles used books.

With the profits that we have made with this sale, the Friends will be able to help provide the library with the funding that they need to help fill the gap between their needs and what has been allocated for their budget.

Again, I would like to thank the Agawam community for helping to make our 12th annual book sale such a rousing success. With your help in the future, we will make the 13th annual book sale even more of a success. See you all at next year's book sale, as usual, on the third weekend in May.

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dated by the neighboring countries, including Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Turkey, Egypt and North Africa. As of last week, the number of refugees registered by UNHCR stands at 2.97 million.

"Prisons and makeshift detention facilities are swelling with men, women and even children," said Secretary Ban Ki-moon. "Deaths by summary executions and unspeakable torture are widespread every day. People are dying from hunger and from once-rare infectious diseases. Whole urban centers and some of humankind's great architectural and cultural heritage lie in ruins. Destruction and death are everywhere."

And war began there as a simple peaceful protest for more civilian freedoms in 2011. Secretary Ban Ki-moon said Assad responded with snipers and tanks firing indiscriminately into the crowds. Appeals to President Assad from the people and from the region fell on deaf ears. As popular demands escalated, the government's reaction turned even more ferocious. Civilians took up arms and Syrians turned against each other. Regional powers became involved. Radical groups like ISIS gained a foothold making Syria today a failed state.

"These bleak prospects have darkened further with the flare-up of violence and sectarian tensions in Iraq," said Secretary Ban Ki-moon. "Suddenly, the cohesion and integrity of two major countries, not just one, is in question."

As a solution, Secretary Ban Ki-moon suggested a six-point plan to stop the bloodshed:

1 - Stem the flow of arms pouring into the country by instituting an arms embargo whether through the UN or by nations individually.

2 - Because 4.7 million Syrian people are in hard-to-

reach areas, the UN is calling for an end to the government sieges of medicine and food – and for immediate unfettered humanitarian access across frontlines and across borders.

3 - Release of all prisoners arbitrarily detained by the government and opposition forces.

4 - More monetary support from the international community.

5 - Follow the Geneva Communique of June 30, 2012 that set out a clear roadmap for a democratic political transition by establishing a transitional governing body with full executive power and it remains the basis for any peaceful settlement. The presidential election earlier this month that Assad won in a landslide did not meet even minimal standards for credible voting.

6 - A Special UN Envoy will soon be named to advance the UN's protection agenda in Syria, and will work with the parties and their regional backers in a search for new elements on which to build some hope of a political process.

So if you think things are really bad in Syria, just wait and see what happens in Iraq if ISIS gains full control. And in these two war-torn countries, it took two maniacal dictators – the dead Hussein and the still living Assad – on total opposite sides of the Islamic tribal fence to create and spread such pure horror and evil. The lingering question on my mind is if we had taken Assad out of power last year, as my son suggested to our president last month, would ISIS ever have gained the momentum like it has in Iraq?

- Tim Kane is executive editor of Turley Publications. Email him at: tkane@turley.com.

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Being a Monty Python fan, whenever I read the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, especially Matthew 5:9, I think of this bit of silliness from the movie "The Life of Brian." The dialog is from some people at the back of the crowd having trouble hearing what Jesus was saying.

Man: I think he said, "Blessed are the cheese-makers!"

Woman: "What's so special about the cheese-makers?"

Man: "Well, obviously it's not meant to be taken literally. It refers to any manufacturer of dairy products."

But, seriously folks, Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." It's not easy to be a peacemaker, is it? It's not easy to love all people, especially people we do not like or do not care to be around. But Christians are called to love anyway. We are called to serve in surprising ways and to give our all for the sake of love, even when it may be uncomfortable. This kind of love shows the world we are disciples. We learn to love one another as God loved us – all of us. We are called to be peacemakers.

But it's not easy! Relationships are hard, because people are involved. It would be so much easier if people were not in the picture, wouldn't it? But that's not the world we live in. How many times do we make a distinction between "us and them"? Maybe

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it's people of different races, or people of different backgrounds or ethnicity, or people of different religions. "Us and them" is not the way of love. It's not the way of peace. It's not a distinction that proceeds from God.

God will bring us to places where we are uncomfortable, and to people with whom we are uncomfortable, in order to soften our hearts, and open our hearts to love – to get beyond ourselves – to get beyond "us and them" until it is only "us." With such issues as bullying in our schools, violence in our communities, and war in our world, we can certainly use more peacemakers. To this end, the Agawam Methodist Church is offering a "Peace Day" on Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is open to all children and youth ages 6-18. *Participants will engage in a variety of activities equipping them with tools needed for creating peace in themselves, their families, their communities and the world.* Registration may be made by calling the church at 786-4174 or by emailing meriblan1980@gmail.com. Cost is \$5 per child, \$10 maximum per family. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.

May we learn that to be called children of God, we must be peacemakers. Blessed are the peacemakers – and perhaps even the cheese-makers!

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Pictured at MBREA Hall of Fame ceremonies held recently are (back row, from left) Steven Elliott, William Pastuszek, Jr., Chester Nicora, and David Bunton. (Front row) Robert Bostrom, Bernard Giroux (accepting for Paul Giroux), Mary Granville and Peter Tetreault.

Nicora inducted in MBREA Hall of Fame

Chet Nicora, former assessor for the town of Agawam, was inducted into the Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers (MBREA) Hall of Fame at ceremonies held June 11. The event took place at Lombardo's in Randolph and was co-hosted by Shaun Fitzgerald, RA and Steve Sousa, executive vice president.

Nicora has been in the real estate appraisal business for over 35 years and was the town assessor for 10 years. He is a past president

of the MBREA, holds the MRA designation and has been teaching MBREA courses in the area for years.

At the same event, Nicora's son, Michael, received his Residential Designation (RA) for the MBREA. The RA designated member primarily specializes in the appraisal of residential properties and property interests for which they possess competency in accordance with the USPAP Competency Rule.

Mohegan Sun trip open to the public

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Sunday, July 13. The cost per person is \$30 and includes the cost of the bus, driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher.

The bus will leave the Agawam High School parking lot at 11 a.m. and will return by 8 p.m. The public is invited. Reservations

are recommended, as seating is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Christina Beauchemin at (413) 427-8784.

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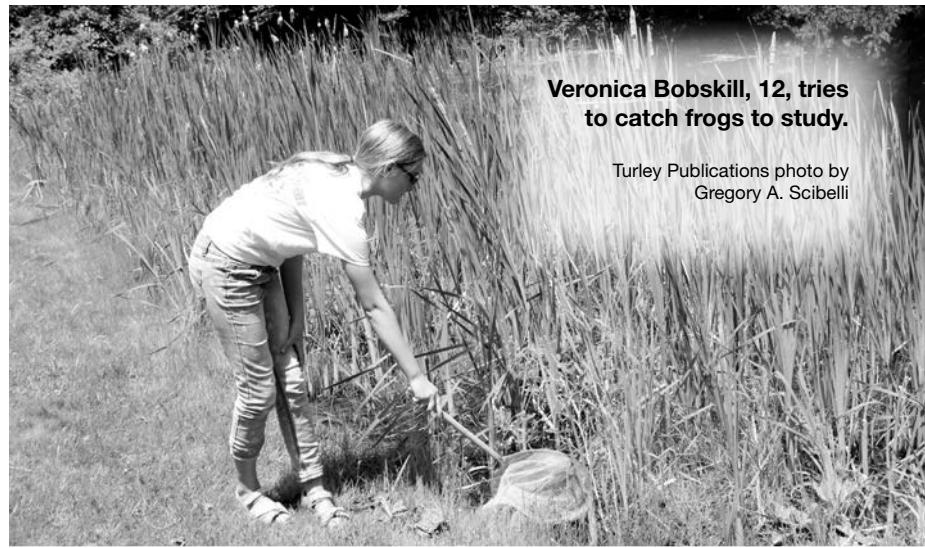
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Veronica Bobskill, 12, tries to catch frogs to study.

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Arborist wants Robinson designated as national park

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was among those that attended the Robinson State Park Day. He said the city council passed a resolution in 1998 that prevented logging at the park. "It was something that made headlines," said Rossi. "It was a national story. We were happy to pass the resolution. This is a great park."

That resolution catapulted the Friends group that advocates for the park now. Members are becoming more and more encouraged by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, which lacks the funding to be able to manage all the parks and forests in Massachusetts.

"What was once a controversy is now a great relationship between the Friends and the state," said Claudia Hurley, chairman of

the Friends of Robinson State Park. "It also raised the issue of where it is appropriate for lumbering to take place."

Robinson State Park is utilized by area college students for experiments and other courses of study. Unfortunately, is not used much by area high schools because of transportation costs to get to the park. Agawam High School does use the park for their home cross country course.

Two years ago, the park received some upgrades of their picnic grounds by Kayem, a manufacturer of hot dogs. The company did their community service project at the park, creating new grill areas and improving the picnic tables.

Going forward, Largess is hoping to gain momentum for his pursuit to make Robinson State Park a natural classroom with help from the incoming MGM casino, which will expend funds toward communities.

Robinson State Park Day also included tours of the park with a bird identification walk, a tree identification walk, a Westfield River canoe cruise, and stream assessments.

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Council amends, passes \$81.3M budget

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"I agree with your intent," said Johnson, "but not to that extent. I would suggest you put in around \$250,000 or \$350,000."

Johnson wanted at least \$300,000 in the account, citing the need for reserve funds to be used to pay for the deficits in the snow and ice removal budget due to the bad winter. Councilor Robert Rossi seconded the motion. Councilor Paul Cavallo spoke out against the amendment.

"I am totally against this," he said. "You never know what could happen, and I think we should have the money there."

The motion passed with a vote of 6-4 with councilors George Bitzas, Cavallo, James Cichetti, and Joseph Mineo voting against it. Councilors Johnson, Letellier, Rossi, Dennis Perry, Cecilia Calabrese and Anthony Suf-

friti supported the motion.

Letellier also proposed removing \$188,000 from the Tuckahoe Turf revolving account, which was also approved by the council. Another amendment lowered the compost bins revolving account spending to no more than \$25,000.

There were no changes made to the school department budget. Superintendent William Sapelli and School Committee members Shelley Borgatti-Reed and Wendy Rua spoke in favor passing the school budget, which totals nearly \$40 million. The school budget was never discussed during the budget hearing or the council discussion.

There was a public hearing for residents to speak out on the budget. No one from the public spoke for or against the proposal, which goes into effect on July 1.

Red Cross seeks blood donations

The American Red Cross encourages blood donors to help prevent a summer shortage by rolling up a sleeve to give. Donors of all blood types are urged to schedule an appointment now, especially those with type O negative, B negative and A negative.

Type O negative is universal and can likely be transfused to anyone who needs blood. Type A negative and B negative can be transfused to patients with either Rh positive or negative blood. These blood types are the most in demand and the first to run out if there is a shortage.

To encourage more people to make time to donate blood before and after Independence Day, all presenting blood donors from June 30 through July 7 will receive a commemorative Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

The Red Cross must collect 15,000 blood donations every day to meet the needs of patients at 2,700 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country. To learn more and make an appointment to donate blood and help save lives, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Thursday, July 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.; Sunday, July 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, 605 Silver St., Agawam.

Council shuts down mayor's in-house transfer power

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tored more closely and with more transparency.

"There has been almost \$188,000 in 'in-house' transfers," said Rossi. "The council has not been made aware of any of these. And the taxpayers are not aware of any of these, either."

Rossi said the city council needs to be made aware of administrative changes, even if the transfers are being made within line items of a similar category.

"The city council needs to be aware of what is being spent, and there needs to be justification of the money that is being spent," said Rossi.

Rossi's amendment sparked a debate about transparency, but in the council's case, better communication between the administrative and legislative branches of government in Agawam.

Council President Christopher Johnson, who was mayor for 10 years in the 1990s, said he has lost faith in the way Agawam's finances are being handled. He said in the past, he would have rejected an amendment like Rossi's, but supports it because he feels it is necessary.

Councilor George Bitzas queried Johnson about whether this is an issue. He asked Johnson for his opinion because he has sat "in both seats" as mayor and a councilor.

"I drafted the language for the budget resolution this year," said Johnson, "but have lost faith because there is a lack of communication with this body (city council)."

Johnson criticized Cohen's movement of funds to make purchases for the town, saying all Cohen needs to do is keep the council informed of what is happening.

"If you are going to purchase a car using funds from the compost account, then just let us know; send us a memo," Johnson said. "If there is a need to pave the parking lot at the municipal golf course, then tell us. I don't feel like the flow of information is coming to us."

Rossi sparred with Cohen early in the budget discussion regarding some vehicle purchases that had been made using funds from recycling reimbursements. The funds in that account can be used to purchase hybrid, fuel-efficient vehicles. One of those vehicles was a replacement car for Cohen. The mayor said he has not had a new vehicle in 12 years. Rossi said he had no issue purchasing a new vehicle for the mayor's use, but the council should be informed.

"Twelve years ago, the mayor came in front of us and asked for a new vehicle," said Rossi. "We approved that purchase. All we are looking for is to be informed and to have purchases be justified. The spending is out of control."

The council unanimously approved the amendment.

Cohen addressed the amendment on Tuesday, saying it will slow down government more than it already is.

"The ability to do in-house transfers is within the standards of Massachusetts General Law and the Department of Revenue regularly audits us," said Cohen. "This amendment is going to require the city council to have more meetings because they are restricting the ability to do daily business in government. They are actually returning to a board of selectmen/town manager type of government the council voted to move away from to allow a mayor to run the city efficiently."

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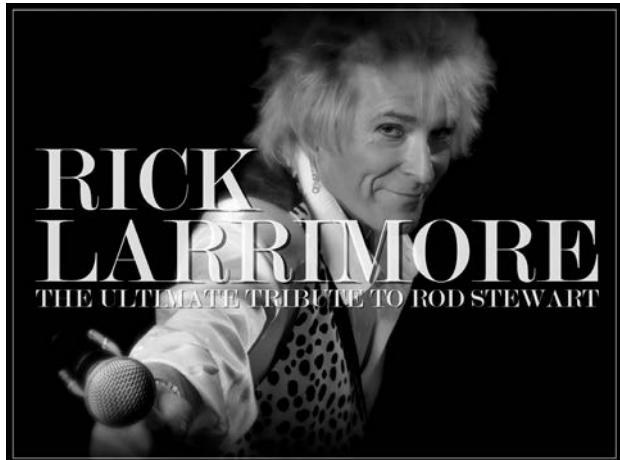
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'Ultimate Rod Stewart Tribute' opens SummerFest



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Rick Larrimore will open the 2014 edition of the SummerFest concert series Wednesday, July 2.

The 2014 SummerFest concert series will begin Wednesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. with the "Ultimate Rod Stewart Tribute" by Rick Larrimore.

Larrimore grew up outside of Baltimore playing drums

and singing professionally since the age of 14. He was inspired by The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and most notably, by a very young Rod Stewart when Rod was with Jeff Beck.

"I'd listen to Rod sing 'Let Me Love You' with my ear jammed right against one of the speakers so I wouldn't disturb my mom and sisters," said Larrimore.

After attending Berklee College of Music in Boston, he never looked back. Larrimore hit the "rock 'n roll" highway singing and playing drums throughout America. He has shared the stage with countless top national acts while always refining that raspy Rod Stewart vocal style.

He credits his vocal style to Stewart, as well as a fondness for Paul Rodgers of Bad Company, and his all-time favorite performer, Jackie Wilson.

"Jackie was THE performer before James Brown and Michael Jackson and could also sing every single note," he said. "I would like to think I have a hint of Jackie Wilson in my stage persona." But it's Larrimore's uncanny interpretation of Rod Stewart that has mesmerized and fooled so many in his audiences.

In less than five years, the "ultimate" tribute to Rod Stewart featuring, "Blondes Have More Fun," Larrimore's dynamic six-piece backup band has created a major buzz from Las Vegas to Rio de Janeiro. As he says, "I invite you to come see for yourself, and accept no substitutes ... well, maybe one."

All SummerFest shows will be held on Veteran's Green, 689 Main St., in front of Phelps Elementary School. In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the air-conditioned auditorium at the Agawam Junior High School at 1305 Springfield St.

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Another 'Summer Spectacular' for area families

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Museums have announced the schedule for their annual "Summer Spectacular" Family Series, which runs from July 7 through Aug. 15. Every Monday through Friday, families visiting the Quadrangle can look forward to a schedule packed with hands-on art and science activities, live reptile demonstrations and family entertainment for all ages. All programs and performances are free with admission unless otherwise noted. The 2014 premier sponsor is MassMutual.

The centerpiece of the six-week series is the array of top-tier family performers from around the northeast, appearing in the Davis Auditorium every Wednesday through Friday at 1 p.m. This year's slate includes a mini-residency by the Tanglewood Marionettes, who will perform every Thursday during the Spectacular, a performance by The Pop-Ups, a Grammy-nominated duo from Brooklyn, NY, as well as Mister G, Casey Carle of BubbleMania, and a host of others. A full schedule of performers and dates is listed at www.springfieldmuseums.org.

The six-week Spectacular also features daily planetarium shows (additional fee required) and impromptu science demonstrations by the Roving Scientist at the Museum's Family Science Adventures Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

General admission is free for members and Springfield residents with proof of address, and is good for admission to all four Springfield Museums. Effective July 1, general admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$9.50 for children 3-17, and free for children under three and museum members.

For more information, call (413) 263-6800 ext. 488.

Turnverein kicks off summer 'Jimmy Buffet' style

The Springfield Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a "Summer Kick-Off Party,"

Jimmy Buffet-style, Friday, June 27, beginning at 7 p.m. Events will include live music as well as drink and food

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JUNIOR WOMEN SCHOLARS



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Agawam High School graduates Ashley Lockwood, Megan Cecchi, Elyse Cote and Emily Burleson, Agawam Junior Women's scholarship recipients, are pictured with Janine Iacolo, scholarship chairwoman, left, and Samantha Rudd, GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club first vice-president, right. Each recipient was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

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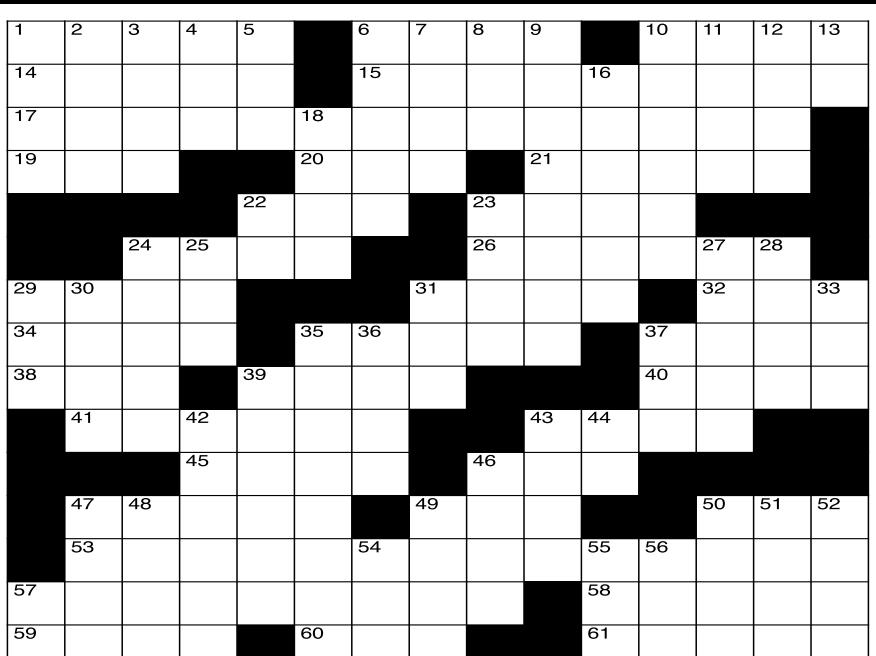
The Agawam High School greenhouse was dedicated in memory of Richard Borgatti, Harold Clark and Julian Miodowski. Mayor Richard A. Cohen joined family members to celebrate the dedication and commitment of the honorees in making the greenhouse a reality not only for the students and staff of AHS, but also for the community at-large.

FUTURE TEACHER SCHOLAR



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Agawam High School graduate Ashley Lockwood, recipient of the Mouneimneh Scholarship for Future Teachers, is pictured with Kathy Mouneimneh, left, scholarship sponsor and AJWC member, and Alexis Simmons, right, AJWC scholarship committee member.



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- Turfs
- Door beam
- Arabian sultanate
- Corn dough
- Soft infant food
- Famous movie pig
- "Oleanna" playwright
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- Cool down
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- Tangles
- Dull pain
- WWII war criminal Rudolph
- Artificial
- Drains
- Woods component
- Unit of time (abbr.)
- 1955-77 regional defense org.
- Local area network
- 1/3 tablespoon (abbr.)
- Breathe excessively
- Dilapidated ships
- Goes it alone
- Jap. women pearl divers
- Television tube
- (Prev. Portuguese) S. China seaport
- Length x width =
- Fishing gear
- Small Chevrolet truck
- 18th Hebrew letter (alt. sp.)
- Ingests
- Decline
- Martinet
- Cruel deviant
- Hen products
- Technology firm
- 40th US state
- Albanian capital
- Breathe excessively
- Dilapidated ships
- Goes it alone
- Jap. women pearl divers
- Television tube
- (Prev. Portuguese) S. China seaport
- Foot (Latin)
- Fast rise to fame
- Used to cut and shape wood
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- A consortium of companies
- Stirrup bone
- Transmitted
- Carrier's invention
- Without (French)
- Noah's oldest son (Bible)
- Jaguarundi
- Former Cowboy Leon
- Powder mineral
- Greek colonnade
- Mexican monetary unit
- Preceeded the DVD
- Doctrine suffix
- Mauna __, HI, volcano
- Public prosecutor

DELTA GAMMA SCHOLAR



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Agawam High School graduate Rachel Burton, left, was the recipient of this year's Delta Gamma Scholarship and Award. Presenting the award is Geraldine Schilling Nordal, a former teacher at AHS and a member of the international teacher's organization for 47 years.

CHAPTER 2 SCHOLARS



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The Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, recently awarded \$500 scholarships to four Agawam High School graduating seniors. From left, Megan Cecchi, Sydney Cassell and Christopher Rumplik, recipients of Chapter 2 scholarships, and Margaret Frawley, the recipient of the James and Ruth Birchall scholarship.

Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 65 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from June 17 to June 23.

On June 17 at 3:20 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.

On June 17 at 9:01 p.m., the department responded to Beekman Drive to assist invalid.

On June 18 at 1:49 a.m., the department responded to Silver Lake Drive to assist invalid.

On June 18 at 2:21 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On June 18 at 1:55 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On June 18 at 8:24 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for smoke or odor removal.

On June 18 at 9:03 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On June 19 at 1:18 a.m., the department responded to River Road for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On June 19 at 12:28 p.m., the department responded to Silver Lane Drive to assist invalid.

On June 20 at 2:40 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street to assist invalid.

On June 20 at 6:21 a.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor to assist invalid.

On June 20 at 9:29 a.m., the department responded to Brookfield Lane for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On June 20 at 4:55 p.m., the department responded to Sutton Place for public service assistance, other.

On June 20 at 5:03 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On June 21 at 9:33 a.m., the department responded to South West Street for unauthorized burning.

On June 21 at 1:15 p.m., the department responded to Sutton Place for animal rescue.

On June 21 at 8:55 p.m., the department responded to James Street for building fire.

On June 21 at 10:43 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for unauthorized burning.

On June 22 at 9:28 a.m., the department responded to Pheasant Hill Drive for good intent call, other.

On June 22 at 9:50 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On June 22 at 10:25 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

On June 22 at 4:26 p.m., the department responded to Walnut Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On June 22 at 5:21 p.m., the department responded to South West Street for fires in structure other than in a building.

On June 22 at 8:25 p.m., the department responded to Old Mill Road, dispatched and cancelled en route.

On June 22 at 9:03 p.m., the department responded to Parker Street for good intent call, other.

On June 23 at 1:47 p.m., the department responded to Orchard Street, dispatched and cancelled en route.

On June 23 at 3:04 p.m., the department responded to Elm Street for brush or brush and grass mixture fire.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 389 calls for service from June 17 to June 23. The department made 11 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, June 17

Richard L. Crawford, 42, of 78 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Wednesday, June 18

Angela Rodriguez, 38, of 33 Norman Ter., Apt. 71, Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60 and domestic assault and battery.

Joseph D. Prova, 29, of 51 Faymore Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Thursday, June 19

Luis A. Rodriguez, 66, of 33 Norman Ter., Apt. 90, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of violation of abuse prevention order.

Friday, June 20

Kimberly Dangleis, 54, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 25, Agawam, was arrested on four default warrants for failure to appear and

charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Saturday, June 21

Louis Edwin Rodriguez, 23, of 165 Switzer Ave., Springfield, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Ralph E. Figueroa, 38, of 1900 Westfield St., West Springfield, was arrested on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, subsequent offense.

Sunday, June 22

James Cunningham, 23, of 17 Pheasant Run Court, Agawam, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery and disorderly conduct.

A juvenile from Springfield was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Monday, June 23

Nicholas Ryan Foley, 24, of 263 Central St., Apt. 3L, Springfield, was arrested on a warrant, two default warrants, breaking and entering in the nighttime for felony, and larceny from a building.

Zachary William Nugent, 25, of 71 Garden St., West Springfield, was arrested on two default warrants, breaking and entering a building in the nighttime for felony and larceny from a building.

Campus Notes...

Bentley University: Natasha Sankalia and Jordan Venne, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester president's list. Taylor Lunden, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

The College of Saint Rose: Lauren Booth, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Rochester Institute of Technology: Samantha Abraham and Kenny Ung, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

University of Hartford: Kevin Paulin, of Agawam, graduated at ceremonies held May 18. Benjamin Belanger, Caroline Paleologopoulos and Kevin Paulin, of Agawam; and Shannon Colby, Brenda Gonyeau and Shannon Sullivan, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

AHS Grade 12 Term 4 Honor Roll

Alexander Ablianitis, Nedime Ahmeti, Liam Anderson, Adam Ardolino, Anna Baranov, Philip Bazukin, Lauren Blanchard, Merisa Boyd, Hayley Burbank, Emily Burleson, Rachel Burton, Zunaira Butt, Sydney Cassell, Megan Cecchi, Ian Chamberland, Kianna Chechile, Kylie Clark, Timothy Considine, Elyse Cote, Vincent Derose Jr., Alicia DiCioccio, Jennifer Diduk, Amanda Ehresman, Emily Fernands, Angela Ferrentino, Erica Gallerani, Brooke Gamelli, Casey Geiger, Zachary Goggin, Mae Gomez, Gerald Green, Allison Grubbs, David Grushetskiy, Parker Guindon-D'Amours, Emily Hartmann, Taylor Hartmann, Briahna-Mary Hersom, Aleah Hodge, Mason Hollander, Daniel Jensen, Alisa Kotliarova, Tia LaFogg, Erika Lamagdeleine, Justin Lecuyer, Ashley Lockwood, Abigail Lucia, Anthony Luciani, Brian Marcoullier, Rebecca McKiernan, Marisa McMullin, Mikayla Miranda, Gabrielle Mirolli, Taylor Misiorski, Molly Mittler, Brandon Montalvo, Kate Moriarty, Kristina Mozolevskaya, Casey Noonan, Shayla Olson, Aidan Pender, Cassandra Pepper, Sheldon Perry, Sarah Plumador, Christopher Reagan, Mary Reidy, Patrick Rieker, Nathan Riley, Wade Robidoux, Melissa Rolland, Michael Rossi, Maryrose Rovatti, Elise Roy, Christopher Rumplik, Anthony Saccmani, Samantha Saracino, Victoria Schwartz, Joseph Shea, Kreag Sheehan, Iman Shehemi, Nolan Sheridan, Vitaliy Shostak, Phillip Slater, Mariah Smith, Amber Stepanik, Danielle Stratton, Jae-Youn Suk, Sashell Thomas, Amber-Lynn Traver, Nicholas Twohig, Erica Van Ness, Samantha Vinesett, Mitchell Vye, Victoria Walker, James Watkins II, Nicholas Welch, Lia Wood.

Western New England University: The following local students received degrees at ceremonies held May 17: Jessica Breton, Kyle LaFoe and Kenneth Ranstrom, of Agawam; Brittany Blake, Maksim Dzyubenko, Jessica Meehan and Christopher Roy, of Feeding Hills. Erika Prouty, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute: The following local residents graduated at ceremonies held recently: Christopher Foreman, Autumn Paro and Thomas Walker, of Agawam; and Andrew Cayer, Daniel Matroni, Nicholas Morassi, Brianna Newton and Joseph Toto, of Feeding Hills.

WSU announces upcoming programs

'College for Kids'

Westfield State University will offer its annual College for Kids summer program again this year, with classes running from July 7 until Aug. 1.

Originating more than 30 years ago, College for Kids is a summer program for children ages 5-16. It provides children and teenagers with innovative educational programs that foster a unique learning environment. Each of the four weeks features morning classes running from 8:30 a.m. until noon and afternoon classes running from 1-4:30 p.m. Children enrolled in both morning and afternoon classes are able to stay with College for Kids instructors and volunteers for lunch. There are also op-

tions for both early drop-off and late pick-up times for those in need of extra transportation time.

Each class runs for a week. Class placement is generally limited to 12 students. Classes often fill quickly.

For more information or to request a catalog, contact the College for Kids office at (413) 572-8557 or at collegeforkids@westfield.ma.edu.

On-Campus SAT Summer Institute

Westfield State University, in partnership with Educational Testing Consultants, Inc. (ETC), will offer an on-campus SAT Summer Institute for high school students this summer from

Monday, Aug. 4, through Thursday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The SAT Summer Institute involves 20 hours of classroom time, and students will also get access to online review sessions throughout September. Class sessions, led by experienced instructors, use real test questions to show how these skills are tested on the SAT test.

The cost of the SAT Summer Institute is \$499, which includes all books and materials required. For more information about this SAT preparation program, visit www.westfield.ma.edu for the SAT Summer Institute, contact Brandon Fredette at (413) 572-8033 or bfredette@westfield.ma.edu.

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Friday, June 27

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will welcome grandparents and their grandchildren for games, crafts, face painting and food from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for grandparents and free for grandchildren. To make a reservation, call 821-0605, ext. 0.

A "SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY," **JIMMY BUFFET STYLE**, will take place at the Springfield Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills beginning at 7 p.m. Events will include live music as well as drink and food specials. There is no cover charge. All "Parrot Heads" are invited to come dressed in Hawaiian attire.

Saturday, June 28

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, features karaoke every Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays and Sundays

from noon to 4 p.m., The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.com.

Sunday, June 29

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome on the "hill" for a good breakfast and good fellowship. For more information, call (413) 786-2445 or email office@hopechurchagawam.org.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Deena Maniscalchi, DMFA, focusing on "Art of the Thirties." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.com.

POMEROY'S VEGETABLE FARM, 244 Hampden Road, East Longmeadow, will host a tour beginning at 10 a.m. This is perfect for children. Participants will pick peas off the vines and dig carrots out of the field. From 12-1 p.m., break for lunch -- bring a picnic! At 1 p.m., head over to Meadowbrook Farm for strawberry picking. Space is limited. RSVP to Judy at CISA (413) 665-7100 ext. 19 or judy@buylocalfood.org.

Monday, June 30

LUNCHTIME LYRICS will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Pub-

lic Library. Corlene Roberts returns for her fourth season and will play her guitar at this free event. The public is invited to bring a lunch and enjoy some mid-day music.

Tuesday, July 1

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("Bad News Bears") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

Wednesday, July 2

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, offers Trivia Night every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited to come as one or as a team. Subjects include general knowledge, sports, history, music and more. Prizes awarded.

Thursday, July 3

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "American Legends in Art, 1910-1960," featuring Heather Haskell and Julia Courtney, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will host "The Classic Piano Trio," featuring violinist Brunilda Myftara, cellist Anne Berry, and pianist Rodrigo Queiroz as part of its "A Little Night Music" concert series,

Thursday, July 3 at 6 p.m. It is free and open to the public; food donations accepted. For more information, visit www.trinityspringfield.org.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, July 9 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, July 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

A FALLSFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL will take place Saturday, July 26 at Beachgrounds Park, 116 Main St., in South Hadley Falls. The event is free but non-perishable food items for Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry are welcome. For more information, visit www.shfallsfest.com or call (413) 219-5577.

YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR CAMPER may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at (888) 613-2777 for more information. Towing is free. All donations are tax deductible.

Arts

Library to display resident's artwork

Community Newspaper Alive & Well

Most newspapers continue to be profitable businesses, with operating margins that average in the low to mid teens. Although that is down from historic highs, these profit margins would be the envy of most other industries today.

The Agawam Public Library will feature the artwork of local resident Kathleen Cournoyer for the month of July. The display will include works in colored pencil, watercolor, calligraphy and photography.

Cournoyer has been exploring the arts for many years and is prolific in colored-pencil drawing. Her current interests include photography, watercolor and creating high-end greeting cards.

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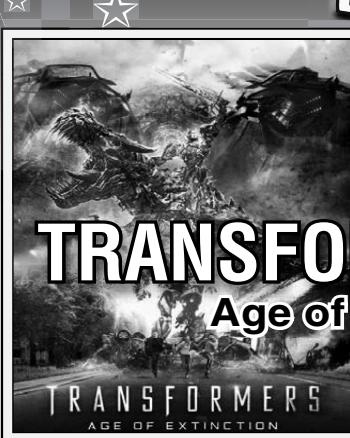
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Seniors

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Weekly calendar of events

Monday, June 30: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, July 1: S.H.I.N.E. (by appt.); 9 a.m., Shuffleboard (meet at St. John's courts); 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Enough Said"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, July 2: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, July 3: 9:30 a.m., Quilting;

10 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:45 a.m., Music with Rockin' Ron; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, July 4: Senior Center Closed for July 4 Holiday.

Lunch menu

Monday, June 30: Roast chicken, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, dilled carrots.

Tuesday, July 1: Teriyaki chicken, Chinese vegetables, brown rice, birthday cake.

Wednesday, July 2: Lemon pepper roast chicken, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, pudding.

Thursday, July 3: Cheeseburger special, Tater Tots, Jell-O

Friday, July 4: Senior Center closed for July 4 Holiday.

St. John's Travelers announce bus trips

St. John's Travelers has announced the following upcoming trips, which are open to the public.

Wednesday, July 9: A bus trip to the MacHaydn Theater in Chatham, N.Y. to see a presentation of "42nd Street." Cost is \$85 per person, which includes roundtrip motor coach, sit-down luncheon at Michael's, reserved seats for 42nd Street, meal taxes and gratuities and driver's gratuity. The luncheon menu will include choice of roast beef, baked stuff scrod or baked stuffed chicken with salad, rolls and butter, vegetable and dessert. A \$10 deposit is required with reservation. The bus will depart

St. John's Church on Main Street in Agawam at 10 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22: A bus trip to the Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant for a showing of "Lobster Playhouse." Cost is \$95 per person and includes roundtrip motor coach, narrated tour of Newport, buffet luncheon and one lobster per person, tickets for two shows (the Playhouse comedy show and a cabaret show), meal taxes and gratuities. The bus departs St. John's Church at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 7:30 p.m.

For information and reservations for both trips, call Emile Coté at (413) 335-9440.

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Delaney Brown reads her winning D.A.R.E. essay aloud at graduation. She called the program a "great" class.



Turley Publications photos by Mike Lydick
Agawam Police Officer John Field addresses the nearly 150 fifth-graders at the Roberta G. Doering Middle School at the D.A.R.E. graduation on June 13. He is one of two Agawam police officers certified to teach the D.A.R.E. program.



Emma Ackley reacts with excitement after receiving her certificate and D.A.R.E. shirt at graduation.



Agawam Police Chief Eric Gillis was among the guest speakers during the recent D.A.R.E. graduation.



Margaret Szpakowski shows off the D.A.R.E. medallion and ribbon she received for writing one of the four winning essays.



D.A.R.E. essay winner Chelsea Normand receives her medallion and ribbon from D.A.R.E. Officer John Field.

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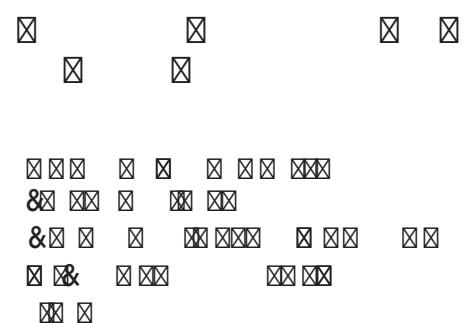
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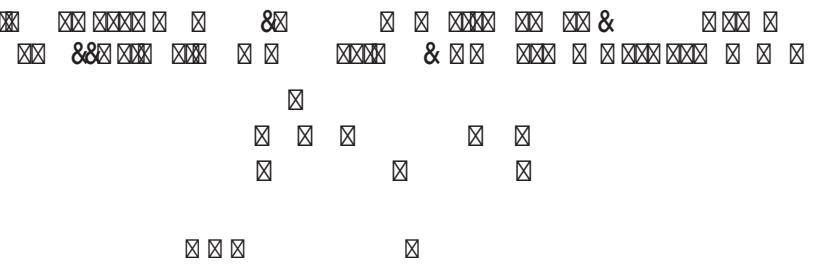


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SPORTS

All-Stars set to kickoff summer campaign

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM - Agawam Little League, which is affiliated with Little League Baseball of America, has gotten their "All-Star" season underway with their top group of players in four age groups. Two of the teams are fighting for the opportunity to possibly go to the Little League World Series held in August in Williamsport, Penn.

The 11-12 Division is the most widely known group of players to head to that World Series, which is often broadcast on television once teams have won their respective state championship.

The 11-12 Agawam All-Stars were last in a fight for the state title two years ago. After an off year, a new group of hungry talent is hoping to be able to fight their way to the top.

The 11-12 team will face a pool consisting of Belchertown, Easthampton, Southampton and Westfield National in their pool. If they finish in first or second play in their pool, they would enter a short playoff against the teams from the opposite pool in District 2. The winner would move on to the state regional competition. Those matchups are a best-of-three series.

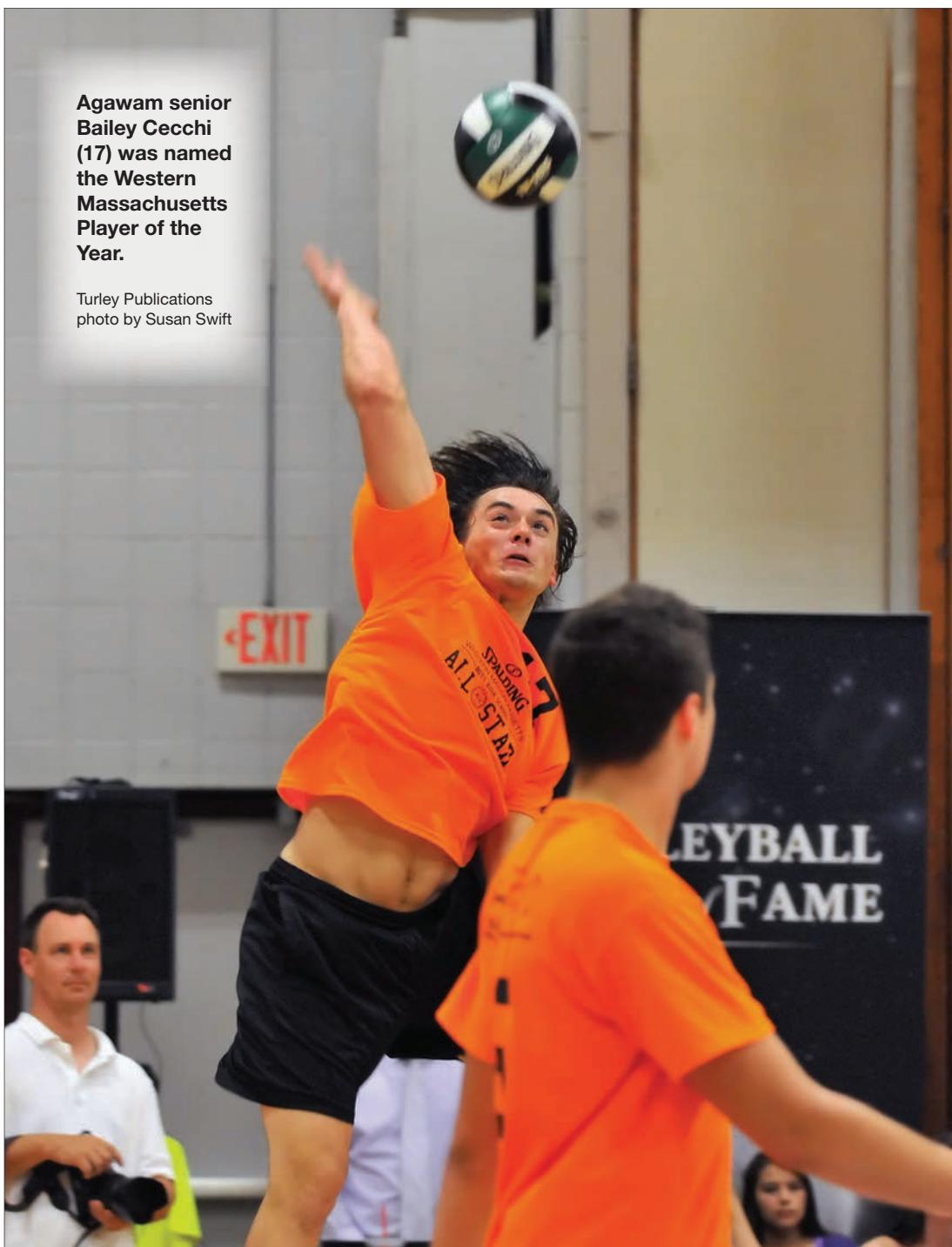
This year's 11-12 All-Stars are: Conor Begley, Cameron Benoit, Connor Feyre, Matthew Hotaling, Joseph Longo, Nathan Mateau, Laine Page, Zachary Quick, Mi-

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Cecchi garners WM Player of the Year

Agawam senior Bailey Cecchi (17) was named the Western Massachusetts Player of the Year.

Turley Publications photo by Susan Swift



By Tim Peterson
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

LUDLOW - There were many outstanding boys volleyball players in Western Massachusetts this past spring, but Agawam senior outside hitter Bailey Cecchi is at the top of the list.

Cecchi was selected as the Western Mass. Player of the Year at the third annual Spalding All-Star Volleyball Game held at Ludlow High School, last Tuesday evening, June 17.

"It's a very special accomplishment for me, but I couldn't have done it without the help of my teammates," Cecchi said. "They deserve a lot of the credit for me winning this award."

Cecchi really wasn't expected to be named as the Player of the Year.

"There are a lot of very good volleyball players here tonight," Cecchi added. "I really wasn't expecting to win it and it's just a very good feeling."

Volleyball is a very popular sport at Agawam High School.

"Volleyball is a very big sport at Agawam," Cecchi said. "It's kind of like soccer is here in Ludlow."

The Brownies have qualified for the Western Mass. Division 1 Tournament all 16 years that Patricia Demers has coached the varsity team.

After being a member of the track and field team as a freshman, Cecchi decided to join the boys volleyball team as a sophomore.

"I started playing volleyball

Please see CECCHI, page 16

PIRATES TAKE THE CHAMPIONSHIP



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AGAWAM - Congratulations to the Ashford & Son Construction Pirates on their Agawam Little League Single A Division Championship. Pictured are: back row (from left to right): coach Dave Shlosser, coach Todd Ashford and coach Mike Natale. Front rows: Gavin Shlosser, Ayden Goodell, Michael Natale, Landon Ashford, Luke Beaulieu, Max Leverson, Hunter Stark, Gerard Crute, Sal Tassone and Kaden Callahan.

Top players shine at Spalding

By Tim Peterson
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

East Longmeadow's Bryan Safford, posted a 2-1 victory against Team Morgan, which was coached by Westfield's Tyler Wingate. The game scores were 22-25, 25-18, 25-18.

The members of Team Frierwood were Ludlow senior Tyler Bastos, Westfield junior Ryan Bucko, Chicopee Comp junior Sean Buxton, Agawam senior Ben Cassidy, Agawam senior Bailey Cecchi, Sci-Tech senior Abi Cruz, Comp senior Phu Do, Athol senior Wyatt Doiron-Larue, East Longmeadow senior Tom Hinckley, West Springfield senior James Kukharchuk, West Springfield senior Iliya Potsuray and Belchertown senior Jordan Vigneault.

"I really didn't expect to be selected to the All-Star team this year, but it was a lot of fun playing with some of the best volleyball players from Western Mass," Vigneault said. "It also feels very nice to be a member of the winning team."

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Team Frierwood, which was coached by

Legion squad showcasing younger players

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – For one year, due to lack of organization, the Agawam American Legion Post 185 team did not participate in the traditional summer season that is designed for high school players to enrich their skills, and get some extra chances to play either before next season, or college play.

The program returned last year, with coach Brian Regnier taking the helm. This season, with several Agawam players opting to play somewhere else, there is a different feel to Post 185.

The team now features several younger high school players, including players that did not spend much time playing on Agawam's varsity team this year. The team also features a few players from neighboring Southwick, and some junior varsity players.

Co-coach Frank Destefano said the coaching staff is looking to spend the summer allowing many of these players, all with talent, the opportunity to play on a regular basis, see some pitches, and work toward next season.

"We are trying to create a situation where these kids are able to develop more and get ready for next spring so they will do well with the high school team," Destefano said.

Already, the team has made great progress. After getting blown out in their first few games, the team has been involved in some 4-1, 3-2 type of games recently. They are just 1-7, but they are competitive and players are getting the chance to get some repetition.

Among those players making great progress are Nick Destefano, who allowed just a run in Agawam's Monday loss against Longmeadow. He pitched a complete game and pitched well enough for win, though Agawam could not manage a clutch hit to get him any run support.

Other varsity players on the team include Cam Rivest, Luke Rheault, Joe Mercadante and Griffen Gadreault.

Patrick King, Nick Massarelli, and Andrew Mitchell from Southwick are also with the team this year.

Also on the roster are Anthony Basile, Riley Campbell, Kevin Cournoyer, Brendon Garvey, Mark Guidetti, Trevor Lyne, Nate Mickey and Tim Regnier.

Post-graduate Zach Sabadosa, a catcher, is also on the roster this year. He was Agawam High's catcher for three years, helping lead the team to the Western Massachusetts Division 1 championship game last year.

Destefano and Regnier are both confident that the players will continue to develop throughout the season. Agawam's only victory so far this summer was against West Springfield Post 207, but the gains the team has made are their own reward, the coaches believe.

"We're happy to have a good, young group of players that are working hard and trying to get better," said Destefano.



Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Catcher Anthony Basile frames a strike three call for his pitcher.

Longmeadow shuts down Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam American Legion Post 185 baseball team dropped a tough 1-0 decision on Monday night against host Longmeadow.

Post 185 had some chances early in the game, but they were unable to pull through on any of their opportunities. They did have several baserunners throughout the game.

In the top of the first, Anthony Basile and Andrew Mitchell both had singles. Nick Massarelli would walk to load the bases, but a ground ball double play would end the threat and the inning.

In the second inning, Daulton Drummond would start the second inning by singling, and then stole second base to get into scoring position. But he would be stranded as well. Basile then came up to bat in the top of the third inning. He singled, stole second, and went to third on a sacrifice bunt. Despite having two outs to work with, Post 185 was again denied.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Longmeadow was able to get the only run



Pitcher Nick Destefano fires a pitch in the third inning.

of the game. Unfortunately, for Agawam, the runner actually reached second base. The ball would bounce off the plate and go all the way to a long backstop, allowing the runner to get into scoring position.

With runners at first and third and one out, a grounder to second base nearly resulted in a double play, but the umpire

ruled the second baseman did not have the ball in the glove at the time he tagged the runner in the base line. He was awarded the out at first, but runners were at second and third with two outs.

A slow dribbler to the right side for an infield hit would plate the only run of the game.

After that, pitcher Nick Destefano was nearly unhittable, allowing just one baserunner the rest of the game.

Basile, Mitchell, and Drummond had two hits each for Agawam as they were unable to do anything else.

Destefano had one of his best outings of the summer against a very difficult Longmeadow team. He went six innings. He allowed three hits, three walks, an earned run, and struck out six. He displayed excellent control at times.

Longmeadow is one of the more difficult teams in American Legion baseball since East Longmeadow was folded last year. Players from the nearby Division 1 school now play with Longmeadow.

Agawam was set to host Ludlow Wednesday night. Thursday, they will host South Hadley at 5:45 pm. On Saturday, Post 285 visits Northampton. They host Easthampton on Monday afternoon.

GOLF CALENDAR

Agawam High School Athletics to host 20th Annual Golf Tournament in September

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department invites the public to save the date and participate in its 20th annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at Oak Ridge Country Club.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities. Please join us for an enjoyable day and support a good cause.

Specific details/information will be released soon. If you would like to participate as a golfer or sponsor, or donate a raffle prize, please contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic Office at 821-0529 or at dstratton@agawam-publicschools.org.

Tommy Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament set for July 6

AGAWAM - The annual Tommy Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament will take place at Oak Ridge Golf Club on Sunday, July 6.

There will be dinner, raffle and prizes.

Entry fee is \$100 per person or \$30 for dinner only.

Format is a four-man scramble. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Lunch runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cocktails follow from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For information or tickets call Red Top at 413-426-7908, Aldo Palazzi at 413-427-1187, Donna Quinn Pisano at 413-351-5207 or Jackie Guiel at 413-896-2545.

ACCGS golfers to tee one up July 14
SPRINGFIELD – The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick will be the setting for the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield's (ACCGS) 2014 Golf Tournament on July 14.

Built in 2001 on a former country retreat of the Crane Paper Company, the Damien Pascuzzo-designed course has been called a "modern classic" by LINKS Magazine. The "cerebral, sporty, tournament-worthy course" meanders through a mixture of open meadows and woodlands, interspersed with beautiful water features making the course memorable and challenging.

The par 72, 7,100-yard course is a challenge to any golfer with "blurred distinctions" between the fairways and greens fronts, a "ragged and blow-out style on the far edge,

smoothly finished on the near edge," and diverse bunkers throughout the course. It has been consistently ranked as one of the Top 5 Places to Play by Golf Magazine and listed in the Top 10 Best in the State by Golf Digest since its opening in 2002.

The tournament will kickoff with registration and practice on one of the course's six target greens, two pitching greens or its pitching nets at 10:30 a.m. A course-side lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until noon, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Golfers will enjoy a scramble format, hole in one contests sponsored by Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, Rocky's Ace Hardware and Hampden Bank; longest drive and closest to the line competitions; a putting contest sponsored by Chicopee Savings Bank, and an opportunity to win from a wide selection of raffle prizes, including Red Sox tickets, a Waterford golf ball, hotels stay, gift cards and more. The day will conclude with a reception, buffet dinner and awards ceremony.

Sponsorship levels for every budget are available, from the premiere presenting sponsor level to 18 flag sponsor levels which re-

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Parks & Rec hosting Red Sox trips

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is running two trips to Fenway this summer.

Registration has begun and will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

For more information on these trips please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 413-821-0513.

Boston Red Sox versus Chicago Cubs, Monday, June 30, Pavilion Box - Section 13. Cost is \$143 per person.

Boston Red Sox versus Houston Astros, Friday, Aug. 15, Section 26. Cost is \$104 per person.

The bus will leave from the Agawam High School three hours before game time.

Sacred Heart still looking for softball players

AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association softball leagues are still accepting signups for the following age groups.

U-14 NEYSA team, U-12 NEYSA

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Turley Publications photo by Susan Swift

Team Morgan took on Team Frierwood in the All-Star Game.

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Bastos enjoyed playing his final high school volleyball match on his home court.

"It was a lot of fun playing in this All-Star match tonight," he said. "It's a little bitter sweet because this was the final time that I'll ever play a high school volleyball match on this court."

Bastos will continue to play volleyball at Sage College of Albany next year.

The members of Team Morgan were West Springfield junior Temi Bailey, Minnechaug senior Xavier Brown-Rose, Holyoke senior Nelson Cabral, Sabis senior Alon Chappel, Chicopee Comp junior Josiah Douglas, Ludlow senior Sean Fournier, Agawam senior Zach Goggins, Westfield junior Manny Golob, Belchertown Colter Krzuik, Athol sophomore Tyler Lajoie, Agawam senior Wade Robidoux and Westfield

senior Ivan Zuev.

It wasn't very easy for the two head coaches to split the 24 All-Star players into two teams.

"It was very challenging to make two equal teams," Mulry said. "The players had the opportunity to play with their teammates and they also got the chance to play against their teammates in some cases."

Before the start of the match, there was a skills competition.

Bastos won the serving competition and Cecchi won the hitting challenge.

"We did hold the competitions the first year, but we skipped it last year" Mulry said. "The boys wanted the skills competition back again this year."

Following the match, Cecchi was selected as the Western Mass. Player of the Year.

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ward sponsors with a keepsake personalized pin flag to the budget-friendly tee sponsor level. Sponsors include Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, Florence Savings Bank, YMCA of Greater Springfield, Bar & Barr, Inc. and Bacon Wilson P.C.

The tournament entry fee is \$600 per foursome (individual golfers are welcome at \$150) and includes greens fees, cart, lunch sponsored by the MassMutual Center, reception and souvenir photo sponsored by Eastfield Mall. Non-golfers may attend just the reception for \$30 per person.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Member Services Director Cecile Larose at larose@myonlinechamber.com or 413-755-1313. To register for the tournament, visit the ACCGS website at www.myonlinechamber.com or contact Larose by email.

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team, Coach pitch league grades third, second and first.

The cost for instructional coach pitch softball (first, second and third grades) is \$75 and NEYSA is \$100.

Contact George at 413-374-2283 for more information or to register.

Crestview Ladies League open to the public

AGAWAM - Crestview Country Club's ParTee Ladies Golf League is preparing for another season of golf and is open to all women golfers, from the competitive to the "just for fun" golfer.

There are a limited number of spots left.

Cost is \$70 to join, which includes weekly prizes, special events and a final banquet, also with prizes and year-end gifts.

For more information, contact Kay Soja by phone at 413-789-7901 or e-mail sojacatherine54@comcast.net.

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chael Santore, Dylan Sliech, Andrew Sullivan, and Connor Twohig. This year's team is being coached by Gerald Smith.

The 11-12 will be taking on Easthampton at Agawam Memorial Park on Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m.

The 9-10 All-Stars are new to the district competition. They will face Gateway, Belchertown, Westfield National, and Northampton in their first bracket. Their first home game is scheduled to take place on Saturday at 10 a.m. They will travel to nearby Westfield National on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The 9-10 All-Star team this year includes; Asa Agudelo, Mason Barcomb, Benjamin Blanchette, Matthew Cleavall, Noah Jodoin, Jack Litz, Jermaine Norfleet, Jack Patterson, William Walsh, Jack Wassung Michael Winer and Zack Zollo. Mike Blanchette is the manager of the team this season.

Agawam Little League is not entering a 10-11 All-Star team into the tournament this season, but has in year's past. That division plays up to the state level of competition.

The Junior Division, which consists of players ages 12 to 14, and the senior division (ages 14-16), have a bit more competition this season with teams.

Agawam juniors will have Northampton to start play, then take on the winner of Westfield and Southampton.

The Seniors will play a round-robin style against Westfield and Gateway. They will play each team twice in pool play.

For more information and schedules of all games, go to www.agawamlittleleague.com.

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when I was a sophomore," he said. "One of my friends told me that I should play volleyball because it's a great sport."

That season, the Brownies entered the postseason tournament with an 18-1 record. They advanced into the Western Mass. finals where they lost 3-0 to Chicopee Comp.

Last year, the Brownies reached the top of the mountain by defeating Ludlow, 3-0, in the Western Mass. finals and Milford, 3-1, in the state finals.

The Brownies repeated as Western Mass. champions this spring, as they defeated West Springfield, 3-0.

They lost to Newtown South in the state finals.

During the past three years, the Brownies have compiled an impressive 61-7 overall record. Two of their losses were forfeits at the beginning of this season for using an ineligible player.

"It's an impressive record and it's something to be very proud of," Cecchi said. "Everyone at the high school looks up to us." During his high school career, Cecchi was also a member of the Brownies boys soccer and ski teams.

He also helped the ski team win the league title the past three years.

"I started skiing when I was three years old," Cecchi said. "It's a fun sport and it's something that I can do with the members of my family."

Cecchi will be a freshman at Sage College of Albany. He's planning on becoming a member of the volleyball team.

"I'm really looking forward to attending Sage College and it's a great campus," Cecchi said. "The volleyball team is also pretty good. It should be a lot of fun."

The past three years was definitely a lot of fun for Cecchi and his teammates on the Agawam boys volleyball team.

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Legal Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**
Docket No. HD14P1220EA
Estate of:
Josephine June Taylor
Date of Death: 04/19/2014
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Lesley J Murray** of Brookfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
And also requesting that: **Lesley J Murray** of Brook-

field MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 07/11/2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice

to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 13, 2014

Suzanne T Seguin
Register of Probate

6/26/14

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Obituaries & Church News

Church Directory

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745 Main St., Agawam
786-7111
Interim Pastor: Rev. Tom Howells
Agawam1@verizon.net
www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
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459 Mill St., Feeding Hills
413-786-4174
Pastor: Ken Blanchard
Email: agawamumc@gmail.com
agawamworship.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Communion on the first and third Sunday of the month.
Coffee and fellowship hour immediately after worship. Handicap-accessible at front entrance.
Worship at Country Estates Nursing Home: 2nd and 5th Thursdays each month at 11 a.m.
AUMC cooks and serves dinner for the Samaritan Inn homeless shelter on the second Saturday of the month.

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

580 Main St., Agawam
(413) 789-2930
www.bethany-ag.org
Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Christian Education offered during both services.
Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF REDEMPTION

50 Maple St., Agawam
(413) 304-2313
churchofredeemptionministries.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Summer Schedule
Sunday Service at 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

370 Shoemaker Lane
Agawam
(413) 786-1681
www.jesussaves.7@comcast.com
Church Website: www.faithbible-church.org
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting and Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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21 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills
P.O. Box 264
(413) 786-5061
fhccoffice@verizon.net
Pastor: The Rev. Robert C. Donaldson

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Church School 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.
Infant and child care provided.
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

760 Main St., Agawam
Agawambc@localnet.com
www.firstbaptistagawam.org

SUNDAY SERVICES
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (grades K - 5)
following Children's Message until 10:45 a.m.
Youth Study time (grades 6+)
following sermon until 10:45 a.m.
Coffee & Conversation following worship every Sunday

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.
Feeding Hills
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES
Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups and Children's Sunday School Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children's Church for age 3 to high school takes place after the service. Nursery available for younger children. A time for fellowship after the service.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH

522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
Feeding Hills, MA
478-9484
David L. Short, Pastor

Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
(413) 786-8200
www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org
Fr. Steven Amo

WEEKLY SERVICES
Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.
Special Devotions: Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart following the Friday 9 a.m. Mass

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
786-6133
saintdavids@comcast.net
www.stdavidsagawam.org

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

823 Main St., Agawam
786-8105
info@stjohn evangelistchurch.org.
www.stjohagawam.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Saturdays: 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Saturdays: 5 p.m. (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

Breuninger, Marama E.
Died June 21, 2014
Funeral June 26, 2014
Agawam Funeral Home

Kieliszek, Dorothy F.
Died June 20, 2014
Private services
Sampson Family Chapels

Morgan, Leona Severance
Calling hours July 5, 2014
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home West Springfield

Schutt, Wesley J. Jr.
Died June 14, 2014
Funeral June 20, 2014
Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

Leona Severance Morgan 1933-2014

Leona Severance Morgan, a longtime resident of Agawam and West Springfield, died peacefully in her home in Ellicott City, Maryland, after a short illness.

Leona was born in Dalton, Pa., and moved to Oneonta, N.Y., as a young girl. She graduated from the State University of New York in Oneonta in 1955 and taught school in Margaretville, N.Y. In 1957, she married William Morgan, also from Oneonta, and they settled in West Springfield. Leona taught school in Holyoke for several years before staying home to raise two daughters, Lisa and Amy. Leona was an avid sewer and quilt-maker and won several ribbons at the Eastern States Exposition for her quilts. She was a longtime member of the Ramapogue Women's Club. Her husband, William Morgan, passed away in September 2001 and Leona stayed in Agawam until 2013, when she moved to Maryland. She is survived by daughters Lisa Morgan and Amy Ats; sons-in-law David Pomeranz and Ishvan Ats; grandchildren Michael Koltz, Daniel Pomeranz, Emma Pomeranz, and Morgan Ats. Calling hours will be held Saturday, July 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield St., West Springfield, with burial at Paucatuck Cemetery immediately to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

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Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Free medical clinic at Bethany

A New Covenant Free Clinic is being co-sponsored by New Covenant Community Services and Bethany Assembly of God on Tuesday, July 1, from 6-8 p.m. The clinic will provide non-emergent care for people age 18 and over.

"The mission is to provide medical care in the Pioneer Valley community by the serving of body, mind and spirit with compassionate Christ-centered care," said Dr. Kevin Snow, clinic physician.

Although people are required to have insurance in Massachusetts, in the current economic condition some people cannot afford the co-payments to see their primary care physician for immediate non-emergency

medical issues. The free clinic is intended to help these individuals receive the medical care they so desperately need.

The staff of licensed medical care workers is volunteering their time and skills, and no revenue will be collected for the services provided. The entire team is committed to providing quality care on all levels. A visit to the clinic will include a demographic check-in, medical assessment and spiritual encouragement. The free clinic will operate once-a-month at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam. All medical records will be kept in strict confidence.

For more information, call the clinic at (413) 363-0098.

'Patriotic Rosary' open to the public

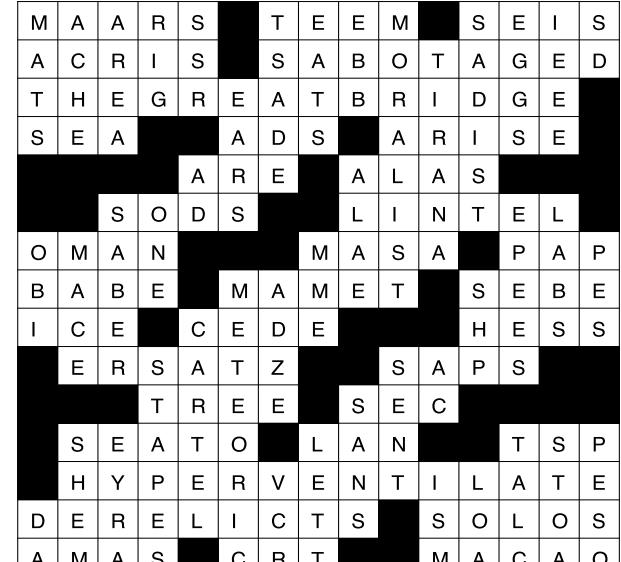
The Spiritual Life Committee of Sacred Heart Church and the Agawam Knights of Columbus will host a "Patriotic Rosary" to be prayed at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, on Wednesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. in preparation for July 4. A reception will follow in the parish center. All are welcome.

A "Patriotic Rosary" is a rosary that is

prayed specifically for our nation's capital, the president, Congress and all the leaders of our nation. The 50 Hail Mary's are prayed for each state by name.

Vin Govoni will lead participants in singing patriotic songs after each decade. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Jean Raczkowski at 786-8200, ext 3.





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CALENDAR

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EDUCATION

We try to be inside our public schools on a weekly basis, both in terms of sports coverage and classroom features. Our education and sports sections run 52 weeks per year. We feel school coverage is probably the single largest reflection of the communities we serve, so this paper is committed to having a strong presence there. We devote more staff and space to these sections than any other editorial realm. We do print free courtesy stories, briefs and photos submitted by teachers, sports teams and students, as we cannot possibly be at every event. If you have a photo you want to run, please include a photo caption identifying those in the image from left to right and a description of the event. Please call or e-mail the editor directly with your school event coverage requests at least three days in advance. If we can't attend, you are always encouraged to send in your own write-up and photos.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

BUSINESS

Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

OPINION

We love letters to the editor and guest columns. It is what the soul of this newspaper is all about. However, we don't print what we can't prove. All letters and columns must be signed and confirmed by us prior to publication. If you are alleging things that we cannot prove, we will consider that a news tip and look into it. We always encourage readers to celebrate their communities versus just slamming them. We also pen a weekly "editorial." Some readers confuse editorials with being objective "news." Our unsigned editorials are opinions formed after doing the research, or com-

plied through our reporters' stories and other means. We then write opinions, which do take a definitive side on issues. Editorials are not meant to be balanced to both sides like our news stories should. They are intended to opine around the facts and take a position. That's the whole point of the "opinion" page.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

As a free service for our readers, we will print all births, weddings, engagements, milestone anniversaries, major birthdays, military achievements, honors and awards. We have a "people news" form available for you to submit these listings. This material is provided to us by our readers and local institutions and we do not charge to print this content.

SPORTS

Our Sports Editor Dave Forbes and his reporters and photographers cover select varsity school games weekly as well as youth and adult sports leagues. Our team tries to be fair and spread the coverage around to all the teams, but as playoffs approach, teams making the playoffs take more precedence. We have tried hard this year to expand our coverage of youth sports, but we need coaches and players to send in their photos and write-ups. You can e-mail Dave Forbes at dforbes@turley.com.

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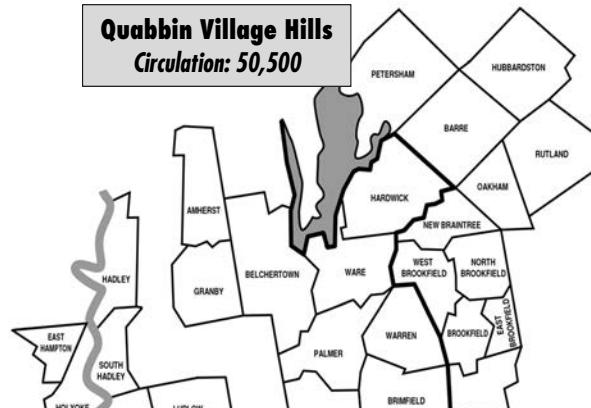
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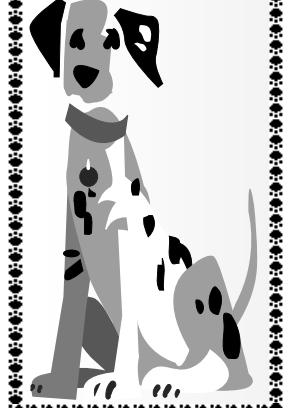
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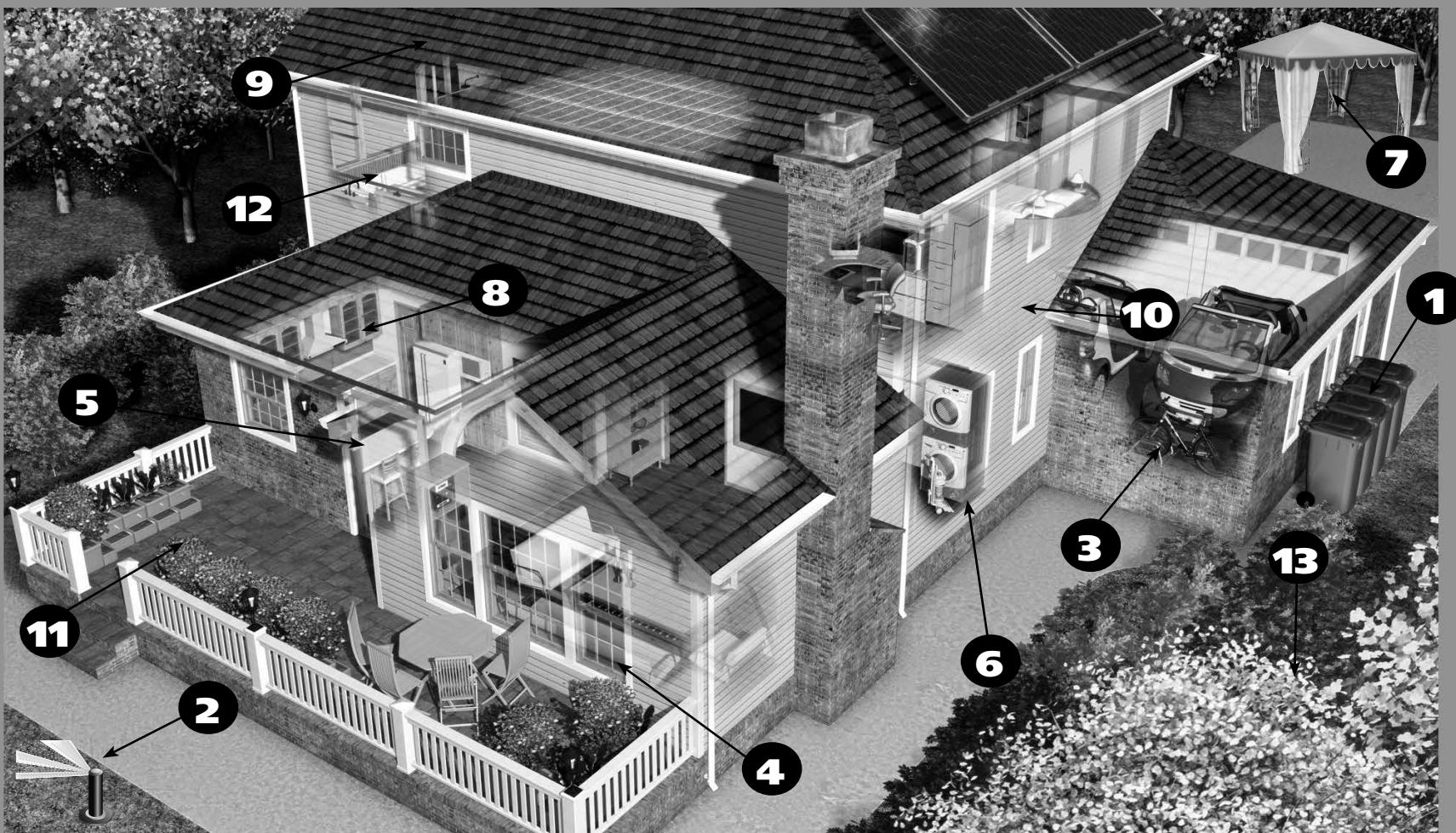


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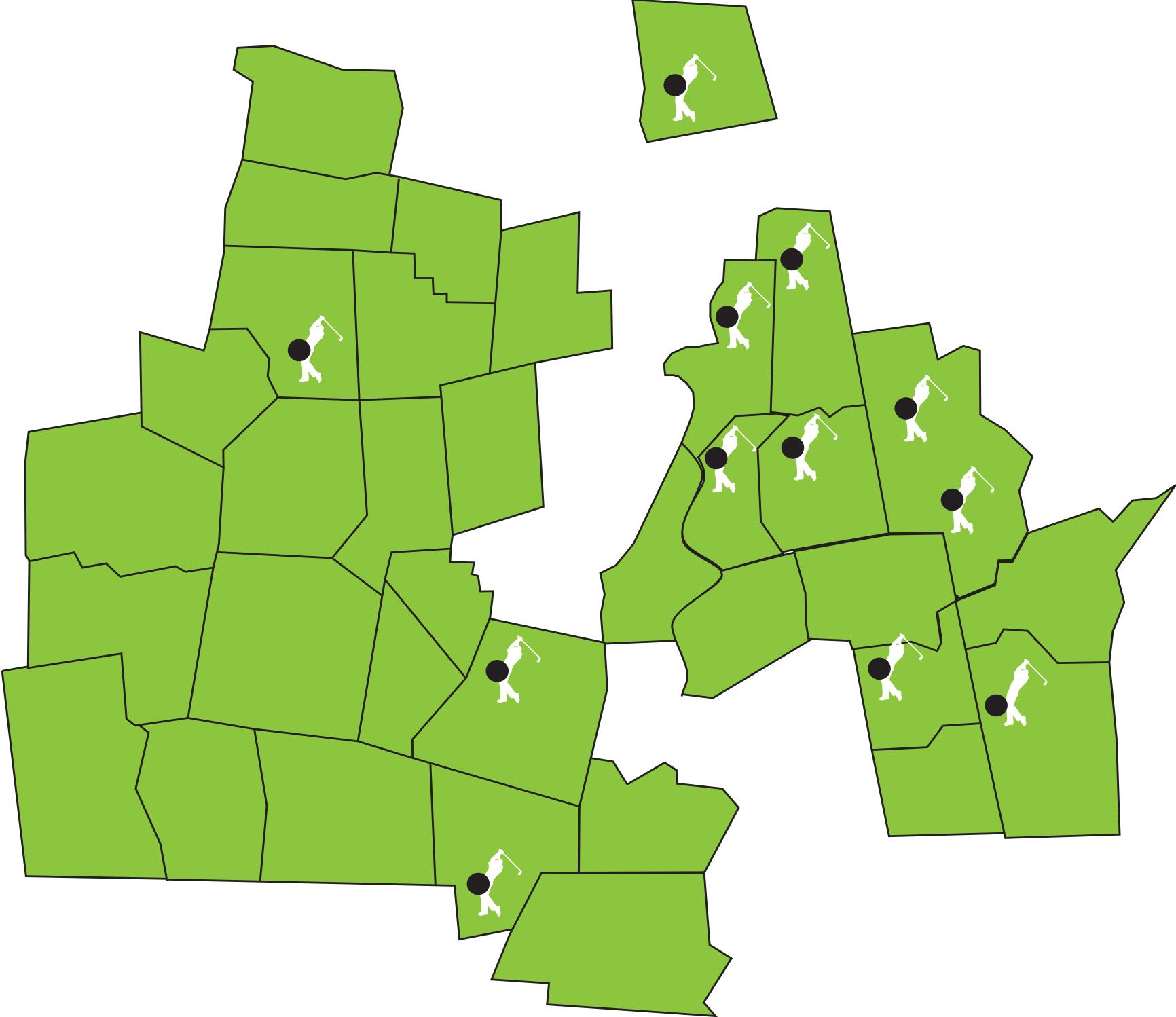
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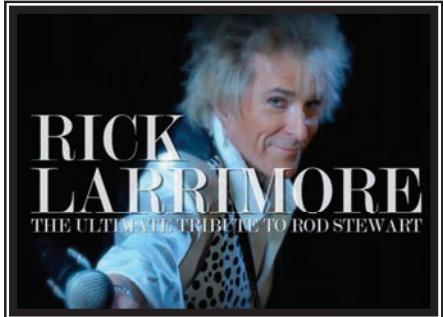
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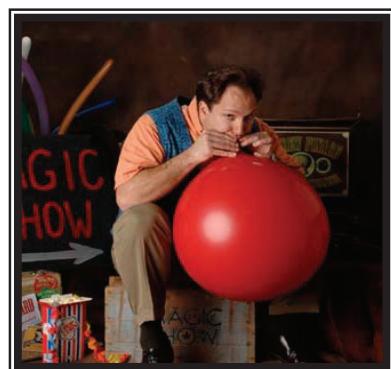
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